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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSALIND JONES

JUDGES: Requests the Supreme Court to study the current structure of the judiciary

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Supreme Court to conduct a comprehensive study of the caseload
3	data and the number of judges of each appellate court, district court, parish court,
4	city court, mayor's court, and justice of the peace court in Louisiana to determine
5	changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary to provide the most
6	efficient use of judicial resources and to report its findings and recommendations to
7	the Louisiana Legislature prior to February 15, 2012.
8	WHEREAS, an extraordinary session of the Louisiana Legislature was held in the
9	spring of this year to establish new congressional districts and new districts for the Louisiana
10	House of Representatives, the Louisiana Senate, the Public Service Commission, and the
11	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education following receipt of the 2010 United States
12	Census data; and
13	WHEREAS, as population shifts from some areas of this state to others, it would be
14	prudent to examine the caseload data from each court in the state of Louisiana to determine
15	if the judicial resources are being used in the most efficient manner possible; and
16	WHEREAS, it is necessary to consider the case filing data, case weights, court
17	structure and finance, and the use of support personnel in this study; and
18	WHEREAS, it is also necessary to study the territorial boundaries and the
19	jurisdictional limits of each court.
20	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21	urge and request the Supreme Court to conduct a comprehensive study of the caseload data
22	and the number of judges of each appellate court, district court, parish court, city court,

- 1 mayor's court, and justice of the peace court in Louisiana to determine changes necessary
- 2 to the existing structure of the judiciary to provide the most efficient use of judicial resources
- 3 and to report its findings and recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature prior to
- 4 February 15, 2012.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 6 Supreme Court.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added provisions requesting the Supreme Court to study the structure of the judiciary and deleted references to the Judicial Council.